

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A dishwasher comprising:

a washing container; and

a drying device connected in an air circulating manner with the washing container such that air is circulated from the washing container to the drying device and from the drying device to the washing container with the circulated air acting to dry items disposed in the washing container, the drying device including:

a suction port for introducing the air from the washing container into the drying device,

a blow-out port for discharging the air from the drying device into the washing container,

a conveying section between the suction port and the blow-out port, and

means for effecting movement of air such that air that has been introduced into the drying device via the suction port is conveyed through the conveying section enroute to subsequent discharge of the air through the blow-out port, the conveying section including a condensing section having at least one wall and the at least one wall of the

conveying section operating as a condensing surface on which the moisture contained in the air is deposited.

13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the condensing surface is in heat-conducting contact with an outer wall of the dishwasher.

14. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the condensing surface is formed of ~~flexible~~ a material comprising at least one of a film of plastic, a film of metal having a selected one of aluminium content and no aluminum content, and a ~~flexible~~ material other than a film of plastic or a film of metal.

15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the condensing section is substantially thermally insulated with respect to the washing container.

16. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the condensing section has at least one mixing vane projecting into the interior of the conveying section.

17. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the drying device has a discharge system by which means the water deposited in the condensing section is drained off.

18. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, and further comprising a heating device disposed downstream of the conveying section and upstream of the blow-out port relative to the direction of flow of air through the drying device for heating air before the air enters into the washing container after its passage through the drying device.

19. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the means for effecting movement of air includes a fan disposed downstream of the condensing section in relation to the direction of flow of air through the drying device.

20. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 19, and further comprising a heating device disposed downstream of the conveying section and upstream of the blow-out port relative to the direction of flow of air through the drying device for heating air before the air enters into the washing container after its passage through the drying device and a program control for controlling the operation of the fan and the heating device.

21. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the suction port of the drying device is disposed in an upper area of the washing container and the blow-out port of the drying device is disposed in a lower area of the washing container.

22. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the conveying section is disposed in a selected one of a side wall of the dishwasher and a door of the dishwasher.